

My mother

From her mother, Anne Harrison inherited a buoyant
temperament, & an active mind & hence - evidence
of her Gallic descent. ^{from her mother.} From her father, she inherited the
subjective & reverential bias of her mind & a tendency
towards spiritual & practical ideas.

Anna, her younger sister, Mary, was very much left to their own devices for amusement; they played & talked together, & cultivated their own minds in a way that is almost unknown amongst the young people of the present day. The little Mary grew up to be well-known as Mary Howitt; and only in their childhood, but through their long lives they were close companions & dear friends. Their joys & sorrows were always told to one another, through a long & constant correspondence.

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An accident - I knew a copy of Watts' "Devotional & Moral Songs" in this way. & the children's delight - was so great that they set themselves to learn all the hymns. But such was the susceptibility of the little Anna's mind, that the column words of the hymns beginning "How glorious is our heavenly King, who reigns above the sky" so overcame her sensitive imagination, that for

It is a great thing in training children to keep the springs
of human action well in view. Children are eager to
learn, children to please, impatient to be first in
lessons & games, not at all because they are
exceptional persons, but because the desires of
knowledge, of esteem, of the first place, are common
to us all, to the ~~lowest~~ servant, as to the
sovereign. But it is the work of education to ~~avoid~~ direct
the courses of these elemental springs, + indeed, to ^{teach} ~~show~~
us to know what they are, whether they tend to ^{the} ~~the~~
"exaltation" ^{by way of a single} ~~example~~: we shrink from the word +
the idea. That our men should convict another of
harboring this ugly innate ^{opportunity} ~~many~~ ^{to} ~~adorn~~ ^{adorn} a lot
but, practically, we cry, with Keble, -
"at whatever will in mercy drawn."